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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING PESTS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This reply is in response to the final Office action dated December 7, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith extending the period for reply. A Request for Continued Examination is also submitted herewith effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

REMARKS

The Request for Continued Examination is currently filed in order to obtain time for correcting the inventorship in this application. As previously detailed, this national stage application of PCT/GB99/02090 corresponds to co-pending application 10/821,041. Application 10/821,041 is a continuation hereof but has listed inventor Colin T. Metcalfe, different from the inventors Howse and Ashby of this pending application. The inventorship dispute that was discussed in the remarks filed on November 5, 2005 has been resolved in favor of Mr. Metcalfe. However, some of the parties involved in the